Retirement of Directors in Indian Council of Historical Research

4151. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Directors of Indian Council of Historical Research are retiring after attaining the age of 60 this year; and

(b) if so, what steps the Council is taking to fill in these vacancies to avoid granting extension?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research, it has been stated that the Council would act in the matter as per existing rules. The Government has already advised the Council to ensure that timely action is taken to have these two posts filled up. They have also been specifically advised to keep in view that the Government Policy is to generally avoid granting extension to retired employees.

Review of un associated programmes

4152. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
MISS SAROJ KAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have greater interaction with different agencies of U.N.O.;

(b) whether such move is to review the various UN associated programmes of his Ministry;

(c) if so, the details thereof with names of programmes concerned with this move;

(d) whether Government propose to take some initiative in this regard: and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) India is committed to have continuous interaction with all the agencies of the UN system to secure world peace and the progress of all human beings.

(b) to (e) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal Ministry to deal with United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme.

The level of the Ministry's interaction with these U.N. agencies is based on the programmes and budgets of these agencies under the overall framework of India's long standing commitment to the ideals of the United Nations system and to promote multilateral cooperation under the auspices of the United Nations.

Separate University for NCR

4153. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Capital Region Planning Board had recommended for a separate University for the NCR to impart quality education to students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on these recommendations early: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. However, in September, 1994, the NCR